

UPDATE MARCH 2015 from MWIA Medical Women International Association

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGIONS

Brazil

The main event during this first trimester of 2015 was the Latin American Regional Meeting, XXXII Pan American Congress of Medical Women, XXII Brazilian Congress of Medical Women and Meeting of Medical Women of the National Federation of Medical Doctors that was held in São Paulo March 4-7, at the São Paulo State Medical Association building. Dra. Ivone Minhoto Meinão, President of The Pan American Congress and President of São Paulo Section of Brazilian Association of Medical Women summarized the congress and this is the English translation.

The theme of the Congress was "The Millenium Goals and the Medical Women."

The Opening Ceremony was attended by the Health Secretary of the State of São Paulo, Dr David Uip, who spoke about "Public Policies of Health for Women" and emphasized that the Brazilian medical women represent more than half of medical doctors, so they have an enormous responsibility to change ill-directed health policies in Brazil.

The Scientific Program focused on women's necessities:

1. Gender related differences in: Hormones and gender-specific effects

Cardiology

Immunology

Sexuality

Endocrinology

Neurology

2. Postponement of pregnancy due to professional considerations

3. Fetal Alcoholic Syndrome

4. Avoidable Cancer in Women

5. Oncogenomics and novel treatments in feminine oncology

6. Immunization in women (HPV/ Herpes Zoster)

7. Diet/ Exercise/ Obesity
8. Mental health: suicide rate of woman medical doctors
9. Infectious Diseases in XXI century
10. Political and social themes:
11. Violence against women: medical and legal point of view
12. Membership in Trade Unions of medical doctors
13. Empowerment of Women
14. Professional opportunities (labor market) for woman doctors

There were Poster Sessions with prizes for the first and second best works.

Participants at the congress came from various area of Latin America: Mexico, Peru, Panama, Ecuador and Argentina as well as Brazil.

Dr Meinão, in her text, made interesting and important comments about every subject discussed during the congress. Her comments about the labor market for medical doctors were very important, showing that Brazilian doctors do not agree with the federal government who wants to blame the doctors for the failure of the SUS (United Health System), throwing the population against doctors by creating the program “Mais Médicos” (More Doctors) and trying to hide that the SUS is totally disorganized.

Changing the subject from the congress, Dr Marilene Melo, Dr Elizabeth Alexandre and Dra. Anna Maria Martits are now members of OSSD (Organization for the Study of Sex Differences) and are going to Stanford in April for the 2015 Meeting of OSDD.

It will be useful to gain more knowledge about Gender Medicine. ABMM and ABMM´SP are very active introducing the concept of Gender Medicine in Brazil.

The Pan American Congress focused on the subject and we will try to have the scientific program of ABMM during the year also focused on the subject, which is very new for Brazilian medical doctors.